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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, HK
SUBJ: HONG KONG LANDING CLEARANCE FOR PRIVATE FLIGHTS

REF: STATE 096276

1. THE HONG KONG CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT (CAD) REPORTS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A RISE IN APPLICATIONS BY UNSCHEDULED AND PRIVATE OPERATORS TO LAND IN THE COLONY. IN MOST INSTANCES CAD HAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT PILOT PROFICIENCY AND/OR PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN LANDING AT KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. HENCE ALL INDIVIDUALS OR CORPORATIONS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO LAND IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT PILOT COMPETENCE (I.E., TOTAL FLYING HOURS, TYPES OF AIRCRAFT FLOWN, AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE FLYING INTO HONG KONG). IN ORDER TO INSURE FLIGHT SAFETY CAD HAS BEGUN TO REQUIRE SUCH INFORMATION BEFORE LANDING PERMISSION, WILL BE GIVEN.

2. NORMAN LATHAM, THE CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER (CAD) EMPHASIZED THAT THE PROBLEMS IN GENERAL ARE CAUSED BY PILOTS OF AIRCRAFT OWNED BY PARTIES IN ONE COUNTRY, REGISTERED IN A SECOND COUNTRY, AND LEASED TO PARTIES IN A THIRD COUNTRY. HE IMPLIED THAT SPECIFIC OFFENDERS USUALLY WERE "UNIDENTIFIED AFRICAN STATES". IN ORDER TO AVOID A CHARGE THAT CAD IS DISCRIMINATING AGAINST AFRICAN
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NATIONS, ALL APPLICATIONS ARE BEING SUBJECTED IN SIMILAR SCRUTINY.

3. APPARENTLY PRIVATE AMERICAN AIRCRAFT OPERATORS HAVE NOT RECEIVED EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAD CONCERNING THE NEED TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF PILOT COMPETENCE. IF OPERATORS WILL DO THIS, CAD SHOULD BE ABLE TO ROUTINELY APPROVE LANDING APPLICATIONS WITHOUT DELAY.

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4. WE UNDERSTAND NORMAN LATHAM WILL BE LEAVING FOR LONDON
SHORTLY TO PARTICIPATE IN NEXT ROUND OF AIR NEGOTIATIONS.
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